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TAGS: ETRD, BEXP, PFOR  
SUBJ: ARAB BOYCOTT

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1. AL AKHBAR OF MARCH 30 PROVIDES ADDITIONAL INFO ON MEET-  
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ING OF ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL IN WHICH ARAB BOYCOTT ON ISRAEL  
WAS DISCUSSED (REFTEL). SINCE ARTICLE PROVIDES DIFFERENT  
VIEW OF PROCEEDINGS, IT IS REPORTED FOR INFO OF ADDRESSEES.

2. ARTICLE GIVES IMPRESSION THAT AHER RADWAN, CHIEF OF SAUDI  
DEL, WAS PRINCIPAL SPEAKER AT CLOSED SESSION ATTENDED BY  
HEADS OF DELS TO DISCUSS RULES GOVERNING BOYCOTT. RADWAN CALLED

FOR RECONSIDERATION OF REGULATIONS, POINTING OUT THAT THEY HAD BEEN FORMULATED 30 YEARS AGO AND WERE AT THAT TIME THE ONLY WEAPON IN THE HANDS OF THE ARABS. TODAY, BY CONTRAST, THEY HAVE NUMEROUS WEAPONS, AND BOYCOTT MUST BE EMPLOYED INTELLIGENTLY SO THAT IT SERVES THE AIMS OF THE ARAB NATION. HE THEREFORE SUGGESTED MODIFICATION OF BLACKLIST PROCEDURES, SO THAT ARABS WOULD NOT DEPRIVE THEMSELVES OF OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN CERTAIN PRODUCTS, OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY FOR EXAMPLE, MERELY BECAUSE ONLY COMPANY THAT MAKES THEM HAS BUSINESS DEALINGS WITH ISRAEL. HE OFFERED AS ILLUSTRATION COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT, WHICH CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED FROM LIMITED NUMBER OF SOURCES AND THEREFORE SHOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO BOYCOTT REGULATIONS.

3. APPARENTLY ARAB LEAGUE SEC GEN RIAD AGREED WITH ABOVE SUGGESTION, INDICATING THAT ARABS COULD ISOLATE THEMSELVES FROM WORLD BY INSISTING THAT ANYONE WHO DEALS WITH ISRAEL CANNOT DEAL WITH THEM. ON OTHER HAND, BOYCOTT SHOULD BE APPLIED IF THERE ARE REASONABLE SUBSTITUTES FOR COMPANIES' PRODUCTS. ILLUSTRATION CHOSEN WAS COCA COLA.

4. COMMENT. SAUDI POSITION AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISING GIVEN THEIR RECENT TENDENCY TO CONSIDER BOYCOTT IN FAIRLY PRAGMATIC MANNER. IT WOULD BE REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT MODERATE STATES COULD EASILY ADOPT A MORE FLEXIBLE AND RATIONAL POSITION ON BOYCOTT, AT LEAST IN PRIVATE, BUT ATTITUDE OF HARD LINERS HAS NOT BEEN QUITE AS FORTHCOMING. FACT THAT ISSUES ARE APPARENTLY BEING DISCUSSED, AND THAT REPORTS OF DISCUSSIONS ARE BEING MADE PUBLIC, HOWEVER, IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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